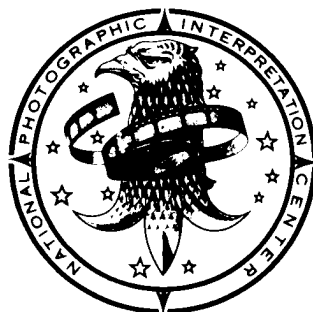


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(TSR) Zlatoust Rocket Engine Test Facility (RETF [redacted]), apparently involved in the cleaning, refurbishment, and assembly of Soviet liquid-propellant, submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs), has been undergoing an extensive expansion program since early 1976. Construction activity has consisted of an extension to the assembly and checkout building in the static test area, footings for an unidentified building within the same area, an extension to the receiving and inspection building (Figure 1), and construction of a smaller building next to the inspection building.

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(TSR) In the area west of the main facility, a possible assembly facility (Figure 2) has also been under construction since early 1976. The new facility will probably have a 550 meter-long service bay with at least four and probably five adjoining assembly-type buildings. The partially constructed possible service bay [redacted]

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[redacted] The size of the partially completed possible assembly-type building was approximately 66 by 31 by 28 meters. Construction of another possible assembly-type building was underway with footings and some support structures in place. Each assembly building will be rail served and linked to the test facility by existing rail lines. A smaller building near the main structure is also under construction and [redacted]

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(TSR) The configuration of the possible assembly facility is similar to the assembly area of the final assembly and test facility in the Perm Solid Motor Production Plant [redacted] (Figure 3), suggesting that Zlatoust RETF may be associated with a solid-propellant missile system. Even though Zlatoust has long been associated with liquid-propellant SLBMs, the expansion activities of the facility are in areas that could handle both solid- and liquid-propellant systems.

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